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EUROPEAN FILM FESTIVAL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ninth European Film Festival was held in New Delhi from March 7, 2002 onwards;

(b) if so, the countries which have participated in the festival; and

(c) the basic theme and the main objects of the festival and the achievement made therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Ninth European Union Film Festival was held in New Delhfrom 5-12 March, 2002 and subsequently in Chennai and Kolkata.

(b) Fifteen European countries namely, Spain, Denmark, Greece, Italy, Ireland,The Netherlands, Luxembourg, United Kingdom, Austria, Germany, Finland, Portugal, France, Sweden and Belgium participated in the Festival.

(c) There was no specific theme for the festival. The objective of the festival is to promote cultural interaction between the people of the European UnionMember states and the people of India through the medium of cinema.The response to the festival from the viewing public was very enthusiastic. As such the festival was successful.